

Cllr Deakin – Annual Report, April 2023

It has been a productive year this year in my role as a Councillor for Dawley Hamlets Parish Council. It has been a pleasure to work with residents and councillors in Dawley Hamlets Parish.

I am pleased that the parish council agreed to and have funded a new noticeboard for Little Dawley. This will be located on the Green by The Unicorn Inn and will be erected within the next couple of weeks. I am looking to secure a new noticeboard for Aqueduct in the coming weeks.

I have spent a lot of time this year working to secure Allotments for Dawley and Aqueduct. After forming a group of extremely dedicated local people, many of who agreed to work with me and form a committee, we have made much progress. We have had a great response to surveys and details circulated to the area and have had many people acknowledge the need for allotments in the area. A list of people who would like a plot has been made. We have various local groups all pledging their support for this project. Working alongside the National Allotment Society, we prepared a document outlining the need for allotments in the area which was presented to Dawley Hamlets Parish Council and Great Dawley Town Council. I am pleased that both Councils have given their support to the project and we have now sent a proposal to Telford and Wrekin Council, asking for their support with this project and outlined the land where we would like the allotments to be situated. Hopefully I will have some good news on this in the near future.

I was pleased to organise the Little Dawley Remembrance Day service alongside Cllr Barnes. We had a fantastic turnout. I would like to once again extend my thanks to Rev. Gareth Ingham for leading the service. Thanks to Carys Williams for bringing her Cornet and playing the Last Post for us and also thanks to The Unicorn Inn for providing us with refreshments after the service.

It was nice to be asked to the Aqueduct Remembrance service later that day and to be asked to play the Hymns for their service. Both events were well supported and thank you to all residents who attended.

One ongoing issue I have been working on is the traffic issues including speed bumps on New Road. I spoke to Telford and Wrekin Council last May, to which they agreed to carry out work to this road. Sadly, this is still waiting to be done. I am in regular contact with the council to make sure this isn't forgotten and hope to see improvements made here in the near future.

I have spoken to many residents over the last year with issues they may have, including Anti-social behaviour, the need for dropped kerbs and road safety and parking issues to name just a few. I am pleased most issues have been dealt with quickly and the problems resolved.

Can I take the opportunity to thank our Clerk, Kathy, for all the effort she gives to the Parish Council. I'd also like to mention Cllr Greenway and Cllr Hopkins who have both decided not to stand for re-election next month. Thank you for all your great work, tremendous commitment and all you have brought to the parish over the years you have served.

Councillor Sam Deakin April 2023